GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD ALONG MCMOHAN LINE BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chinese Army has re-started the construction of roads along the McMohan Line on the eastern frontier adjoining the Himalayan State of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) : The Chinese have well developed road network in Tibet. Further, they have been developing and constructing additional roads/feeder roads, including roads and tracks in the vicinity of McMahon Line in the Eastern Frontier, as a part of overall development of Tibet and improvement of infrastructure in the border areas. The Chinese road construction activities opposite Arunachal Pradesh has been continuing since 1998 and there has been no unusual activities in the recent times.

Government has drawn up long term plans for construction/ development of our road network in Arunachal Pradesh in the vicinity of India-China border to meet our operational requirements and to bring about developments in these far flung areas.